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Dear Ms. Pittman:

The purpose of this memo is to explain our campaign's rationale and methods with regard to our 'best efforts' practices during the 2006 Post-General period. First, with regard to verbal solicitations, either over the phone or otherwise, it is and has always been our campaign's practice to include a 'clear and conspicuous' verbal request for contributor information. Additionally, in the case of verbal solicitations, our campaign has always maintained the practice of informing prospective contributors of regulations for federal contribution guidelines. During fundraising events, it has also been our campaign's practice to conspicuously post a written disclaimer, describing these rules and federal reporting requirements. Finally with regard to electronic solicitations, our software is equipped with blocks that prevent a contributor from contributing over \$200.00 without including their employer and occupation. It should be noted that due to credit card verification requirements, no individual can contribute to our campaign electronically without including their full name and address.

For those contributors from whom we did not obtain adequate information, our organization first attempted a verbal phone request. These requests were charted in a Microsoft XLS document. For those contributors whose telephone contact information we did not have, we issued a written letter informing these contributors of our federal requirements. The following individuals received initial phone calls: Manzour Ghor, M. Hiba, Wallace Hilke, Jaime Itani, Tanweer Janjua, Marsha Jarvela, Hyon Kim, Barb Melom, Wisam Omran, Alice Theobald, Diane Wiley, Donna Williams, Vusumuzi Zulu. This next group of individuals received a written letter: Aziz Abdul, Mohammed Aboobaker, Naeem Ahmed, Mohammed Ali, Nahid Aliniasee, Asif Bakhsh, Stuart Buchanan, Faisal Ghor, Iftekhar Hai, Talat Hasan, Ashfaq Khan, Hyder Khan, Jeffrey Lewis, Mohammed Malik, Dean Matson, A.S. Nakadar, Shabbir Nomanbhoy, Tony Okafor, Ahmad G. Ksaibati Pod, Nabil Rifaie, Eric Sabree, Muhammad Saleem, Syed M. Sarwat, Karen Thompson-Caldwell, Mohammed Zahid.

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